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1. It has been ascertained in Guayaquil that Pedro Saad, prominent Ecuadoran Communist leader, received on 15 March 1949 instructions from Communist sources in Mexico City, allegedly through Luis Verdesoto Salgado of the Ecuadoran Embassy, to arrange a working agreement between the Partido Comunista del Ecuador (PCE) and other leftist political parties in Ecuador. The purpose of such an agreement was to provide a united front against the Liberal and Conservative Parties of all political groups founded on Marxist principles. In addition to the PCE, the leftist political parties of this nature in Ecuador are the Socialist Party and the Vanguardia Revolucionaria Socialista del Ecuador (VRSE).
2. The above instructions were reportedly carried out in Quito on 28 March 1949 during a private conversation between Saad and Emilio Pangotena, Secretary General of the Socialist Party. A written agreement was allegedly signed by the two leaders.

Comment. [redacted] which indicated that the Socialists were ready to support the Communists in the struggle for peace and the fight against imperialism.

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